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software with a security key associated with each copy of computer software associated with it (Colvin: Column 11 Line 43 – 45, Column 8 Line 40 – 44 and Column 19 Line 31 – 34), and (b) Yang teaches an efficient and security-enhanced mechanism by protecting an downloaded digital content using a password encryption key to encrypt this particular digital content to be downloaded (Yang: Para [0024] / Last sentence).

1. Claim 17 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Colvin et al. (U.S. Patent 6,799,277), and in view of Anderson (U.S. Patent 2003/0191952).

As per claim 17, Colvin does not teach a user image recording unit that records first image information of said user registered in said registered member table; wherein said identification unit includes an imaging unit that images of said user; said judgment unit compares second image information of said user imaged by said imaging unit with said image information stored in said user image recording unit, thus to judge whether those image information are matched with each other; and said password acquisition unit obtains said password when said comparison unit judges that those image information are matched with each other.

Anderson teaches a user image recording unit that records first image information of said user registered in said registered member table; wherein said identification unit includes an imaging unit that images of said user; said judgment unit compares second image information of said user imaged by said imaging unit with said image information stored in said user image recording unit, thus to judge whether those image information are matched with each other; and said password acquisition unit obtains said password when said comparison unit judges that those image information are matched with each other (Anderson: Para [0038]).

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